

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**CORRECTED  
FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2415 – HB 2563**

March 23, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Adds Old Forest, located in Shelby County, as a natural-scientific area.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On February 1, 2010, we issued a fiscal note for this bill indicating an *increase to state expenditures of not significant, a recurring decrease to local revenue of \$225,000, a one-time increase to local expenditures exceeding \$31,306,000, and a recurring increase to local expenditures of \$126,000*. On March 23, we received additional information from the City of Memphis. Based on this new information, the fiscal impact for this bill is estimated as follows.

**(CORRECTED)**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Decrease Local Revenue - \$225,000/Recurring**

**Increase Local Expenditures – \$6,806,000/One-Time\*  
\$126,000/Recurring**

**Assumptions:**

- Based on the information obtained from the City of Memphis, one-time costs are estimated to exceed \$6,806,000.
  - According to the City of Memphis, Lick Creek Flood Control Improvements using natural overflow in flood plain along the stream would not be allowed as no changes can be made to the creek flow under the regulations. Flood water storage outside the forest would cost approximately \$5,500,000.
  - Required signage, boundary markers, access control, and equipment are estimated to have a one-time cost of \$156,000.
  - Restricting the usage of natural area would result in a loss of recreation facilities. Replacement of these facilities in areas outside of the natural area is estimated to cost approximately \$950,000.

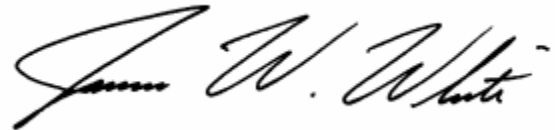
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- Changes to the Memphis Zoo's Chickasaw Bluff Trail Exhibit will cost \$200,000. A decrease in recurring local revenue of approximately \$225,000 from the loss of the program.
- Based on information obtained from the City of Memphis, recurring operational expenditures are estimated to be approximately \$126,000.
- Any increase in cost to the Department of Environment and Conservation to oversee this area is estimated to be not significant and can be accomplished utilizing existing departmental resources.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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